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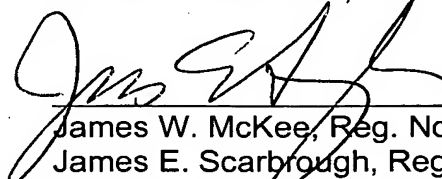
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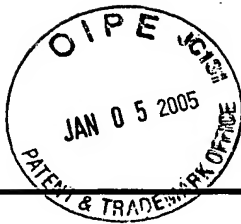
In the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, Examiner Sterling required an election in the subject application to one of two different claim sets and one of four species. Applicants hereby elect species I: Figures 1, 2 and 5. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13, and 15 read on the embodiment shown in Figures 1, 2 and 5.

Respectfully submitted,

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